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August, 3, 2009

RE: ACC Docket No. E-91575A-08-0328

I am a resident of Sonoita, one of the diverse communities known collectively as the Mountain Empire. As you have been told by fellow community residents, there are many important reasons for Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative to conduct an independent feasibility study to address the reliability and connectivity issues in our community. First among those is the fact that the plan to install a 69kv line through our community is a plan that was devised a quarter century ago. While it may have been the best plan then, we question whether, given technological changes in the energy field and greater sensitivity to preservation of our natural environment, it is the best plan now.

I add my voice to the chorus requesting that you insist that SSVEC conduct a feasibility study as part of their rate increase decision process because I am concerned that cooperative dollars are not being spent in a fiscally responsible manner.

As a member of one of the community committees that met with SSVEC during recent months, I believe that SSVEC *did* make an effort to listen to the community's early concerns about the route of the proposed 69kv line. With further research, continued discussion and greater awareness of the issues involved, however, this community has asked SSVEC to reconsider the entire 25-year old plan.

We have asked SSVEC to use this moment in time to, perhaps, shift both their business model and our entire region into the future – opting for alternative energy generation and distribution possibilities that do less harm to the environment, reduce costs to consumers and set the stage for continued growth of our local economy in a new era of renewable energy. SSVEC can take the lead for this community, and perhaps for the state, at a significant juncture. An independent feasibility study will provide the foundational data that will allow both the community and SSVEC to understand how, together, we can create a harmonious solution to the reliability and connectivity problems related to providing electrical energy to the Mountain Empire.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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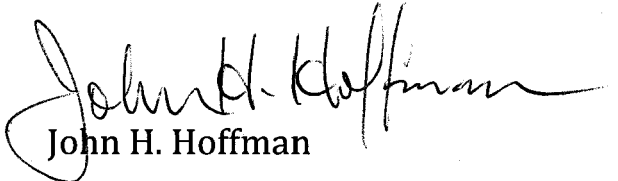
Dear Arizona Corporation Commission Members:

As residents of Sonoita, Arizona, and members of the Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative, we request that you order an impartial, independent feasibility study centered on connectivity and reliability of service to our community. We attended public meetings and participated in question and answer sessions.

We still are very concerned about the apparent lack of fiscal responsibility exhibited by SSVEC administrative representatives. For example, SSVEC shows minimal interest in renewable energy strategies for present and future service.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,


John H. Hoffman



Mary Ellen Morbeck

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Dear Sir/Ma'am:

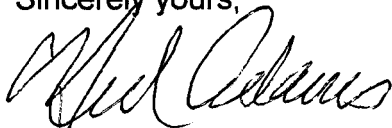
I am a resident of Patagonia, one of the diverse communities known collectively as the *Mountain Empire*. I am also the pastor of *Patagonia Community United Methodist Church* and while do I in no way represent myself as speaking for my congregation as a whole, a number of us ARE concerned about 1) the seeming unwillingness of *Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative* to consider other alternatives than the 69KV line; and 2) having promoted moving the meeting of August 19 to Tucson which is only minimally, if at all, involved in the situation. While there might have been quite legitimate reasons for this, still, it would appear that this might have been to minimize the access to the meeting from those of us who live in this area. Certainly, it makes such access difficult for those of us who which to support *consideration* of other solutions.

There are many important reasons for *Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative* to conduct an independent feasibility study to address the reliability and connectivity issues in our community, not the least of which is to assure that the best possible solution - hopefully, mutually beneficially, is found for the people of these communities served by SSVEC. May I say that it would appear to this viewer that the 69KV line is "best" primarily for SSVEC and of little benefit and more than a little detriment to various concerns of those who pay for their services. (This, in spite of the fact that, as members of a cooperative, we own the company.)

Especially, in view of a number of efforts being put forth by citizens in this area towards reducing our human impact on the environment via renewable energy and conservation of our resources, may I request that you honor such important efforts by ordering SSVEC to conduct such an honest and thorough study of alternatives to the 69KV line as part of their rate increase because we are concerned that our cooperative dollars are not being sent in a fiscally responsible manner.

Thank you for your consideration. I am ...

Sincerely yours,



Neldon D (Ned) Adams
Pastor
Patagonia Community United Methodist Church

and



Eleanor L. (Ellie) Adams
resident

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RE: ACC Docket No.E-0157SA-08-0328

I am a resident of Sonoita, one of the diverse communities known collectively as the Mountain Empire. There are many important reasons for Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative to conduct an independent feasibility study to address the reliability and connectivity issues in our community. Please order SSVEC to conduct such a study as part of their rate increase because we are concerned that our cooperative dollars are not being sent in a fiscally responsible manner. My additional personal reasons for this request include :

I live just south of the proposed line. I will be affected directly by the visible degradation of my view of the Santa Rita Mountains. With the stimulus program, I believe we can find a local economical solution using renewable energy.

Thank you for your consideration.



**Tom & Linda Hanson
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Tuesday, August 4, 2009

RE: ACC Docket No. E-015754-08-0328

Dear ACC,

I am a resident of Patagonia in Santa Cruz County, Arizona. I am requesting that you have our local electric co-op, Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative, conduct an independent feasibility study to address the reliability and connectivity issues in our community. The study needs to be done as part of any rate increase decision. I am concerned that the money will be spent in an appropriate and efficient way. Health of our environment and the use of renewable energy sources (e.g. solar & wind) are important to me as a co-op member. My hope is that all of us, members, cooperative board & staff, and the ACC can all do our part to conserve our energy and produce it cleanly and in a fiscally responsible manner.

Thank you for your consideration. I appreciate your work & service.

Sincerely,
God C. Bowden

CAROLYN R. SHAFER

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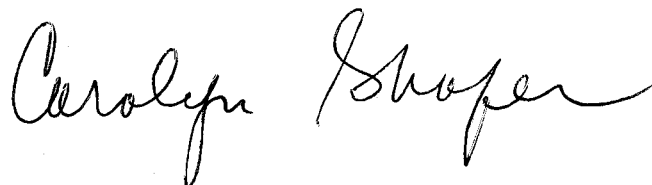
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Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Shafer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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My additional personal reasons for this request include:

- The national and state debts have become so high that fiscal conservatism is a must to reduce what we as taxpayers must pay out; there are better reasons and priorities these tax dollars must be used to reduce the national and state debts.
- As a former federal employee who spent 24 years dealing with land acquisitions and right-of-ways know the importance of a good viable impact statement is; not only for the environment, but for the communities and the citizens of this nation they serve.
- Since the development of this project the technology and needs of the communities have so dramatically have so dramatically that it now a necessity, not an option, that a new up-to-date independent impact statement be conducted that will not only show what affect this transmission line will have upon the environment, the communities and its residences, and what alternative cost effective methods may be substituted for this transmission line; or even if is really needed.
- Since the lack of proper rainfall upon this area the water tables are too low to allow any further types of developments, such as industrial and/or housing; which in turn affects the need for any future need for additional power. (The premise is

that this water shortage will only be temporary; but in the same token it could even become even more severe and permanent.)

- In any society all organizations (government (which sets the tone on how things are to be done), businesses, religions, civic organizations, political, unions, news media, etc) must work jointly together for the common good of all for that society/nation to succeed in a positive manner. For it is not the need of a few that counts, but the equal needs of all that really matters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart C. Moyle', written in a cursive style.

Stuart C. Moyle